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SUBJ: GUYER VISIT TO SYRIA

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1. ASKED FOR COMMENT ON RECENT VISIT OF USYG ROBERTO GUYER TO DAMASCUS, FONMIN KHADDAM TOLD AMBASSADOR MARCH 4 THAT HE HAD SPENT ONLY 20 MINUTES WITH GUYER AND HAD HEARD NOTHING OF INTEREST FROM HIM. RESPONDING TO GUYER'S SUGGESTION THAT WALDHEIM ARRANGE A US/USSR MEETING CONCERNING THE ME, KHADDAM TOLD HIM HE SAW NO NEED FOR SYG TO SERVE AS AN INTERMEDIARY. KISSINGER HAD AFTER ALL JUST BEEN IN MOSCOW AND THE SOVIETS WERE IN CONSTANT CONTACT WITH THE AMERICANS. SAID GUYER HAD NOT DISCUSSED WITH HIM IDEA OF CO-CHAIRMAN SERVING AS "CONTACT POINTS" WITH EACH PARTY TO ME CONFRONTATION.

2. IN SUM, KHADDAM NOTED, WITH HIS CUSTOMARY CHARITY, THAT GUYER'S VISIT THIS TIME HAD APPARENTLY BEEN PRIMARILY DESIGNED TO GIVE THE USYG THE CHANCE TO VISIT THE RUINS OF PALMYRA. MURPHY

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